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Keep A Good Man On The Job

An Editorial By GROVER C. WHYTE

While there admittedly is a wide difference in opinion among voters of Torrance and Lomita regarding their choice of candidates for governor and other state officers to be elected November 6, there is every reason to believe the people of this harbor-industrial community will stand unitedly for the re-election of their popular representative in Washington, Congressman Charles J. Colden.

When you wipe away the political dirt which has been thrown and the questionable tactics which have been used in the heated state-wide gubernatorial campaign, which of course has nothing to do with the congressional contest, and view the situation in the cool, clear logic of practical business and community interest, as well as personal benefits to every resident of this harbor-industrial district, there is but one reasonable conclusion, and that is to send Congressman Colden back to Washington.

The future prosperity of both Torrance and Lomita is closely linked with the development of the harbor at San Pedro. Torrance industries need adequate shipping facilities and the low freight rates only possible by water-borne transportation. To promote the harbor means increased payrolls at Torrance and likewise more employment for residents of Lomita, many of whom work at Torrance or the harbor. Port development, more than any other phase of economic activity in this district, depends upon federal help. Without the substantial financial contributions from Washington, proper development and maintenance of the harbor is impossible. For this single reason, if for no other, it is vitally important for voters of Torrance and Lomita to return Congressman Colden to Washington; because he, better than any other candidate, knows the needs of our harbor and is in a better position to further its development.

Before his election to Congress, Mr. Colden was commissioner of the harbor during much of its construction. It was because of his knowledge in harbor activities that he was named on the powerful Rivers and Harbors Committee of the House of Representatives. This was a most unusual honor for a new member, as newcomers to Washington rarely are given such recognition. If re-elected, Mr. Colden will remain on this important congressional committee and thus be in a strategic position to render the most service for the residents of this district.

Congressman Colden is the nominee on the Democratic ticket, the dominant party now in control of national affairs. When he speaks in behalf of the interests of his district, he will command attention. On the other hand, should this district send a Republican to Congress, he would be a member of the minority party and as a first-terminer, no doubt would be relegated to some inconsequential committee with little chance of accomplishing the important objectives which this district merits and expects. Right or wrong, that's the way the game of national politics is played, and the only practical thing to do is to re-elect our influential and trusted Democratic representative. However, Republicans have nothing to fear in voting for Congressman Colden, as he has proven by his past two years in Washington that in matter of concern to his district, he forgets about party politics and strives wholeheartedly to serve all the people, regardless of their political registrations. Republicans and Democrats alike have received courteous and prompt attention.

Congressman Colden has done much for Torrance. It was through his influence that this city is soon to have a new post office. He assisted materially in securing federal aid in re-opening the First National Bank, and in many other ways has worked diligently for the good of this community. He has supported President Roosevelt and the New Deal 100 per cent, and is an ardent believer in old age pensions and unemployment insurance. His record should guarantee his re-election.

Laskey Named Commander Of Veterans

Captain Frank Laskey, of the Lomita fire department, was elected commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lomita post, at a meeting held last night. Commander Laskey will take office on November 14, when a fine program has been planned in connection with the installation of the new staff.

Other officers who were chosen last night are Frank Andrews, senior vice commander; George Cannon, junior vice commander; T. F. Erickson, officer of the day; William Straub, chaplain; George Bannenhauer, quartermaster; Norman Herr, advocate.

The Veterans have been invited to take part in the Bert S. Crossland Post's celebration of Armistice Day in Torrance and Commander Laskey announces that they will co-operate in every way to help make the affair a success.

MacMillan Leases Oil Property Here At Carson and Elm

A contract has been entered into between the MacMillan Petroleum Corporation and the Standard Oil Company for the lease of Block 39 of the Torrance oil tract, 31 and a portion of Block 39 of Tract 275, in the Torrance oil fields, according to a document recorded this week in the county recorder's office.

The location is on West Carson street, three blocks west of Elm street, Block 34 being the corner lot.

The lease originally was executed July 24, 1922, between the Hub Oil Company and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stone and Mr. and Mrs. George W. Neill. This lease subsequently was assigned, according to the document.

Signatures on the contract, executed in San Francisco on October 13, 1934, are R. C. Gillis and Raymond S. MacMillan as receivers of the MacMillan Petroleum Corporation; by W. H. Berg, vice president, and G. M. Foster, assistant secretary, of the Standard Oil Company, and by DeWitt Knox.

PERMITS FOR NEW UNITS AT PLANT ISSUED

Hughes-Mitchell Processes Begins Work On Five-Story Building

Construction of two of the more important units in the \$1,000,000 plant of the Hughes-Mitchell Processes, Inc., on Normandie avenue east of Torrance, was under way today. Permits for the two new structures were issued late last week by the city of Los Angeles building department.

Largest of the two newest structures to be authorized is a five-story frame building, 46 by 88 feet, to cost \$22,000, according to the permit. The building will be covered with corrugated iron, and an elevator and iron vats are to be installed inside it.

This is one of the largest units yet to be put under way. The other building is a three-story steel frame structure 42 by 56 feet, to cost \$14,800. This building will have a sheet steel roof, steel sash, cement floors and steel stairs.

Plans for other buildings are being checked over by the Los Angeles building department, and are being checked over prior to issuance of permits.

This week it was announced that permits had been issued for three more one-story steel frame buildings at the plant on Normandie representing a total cost of \$17,800.

The buildings are 63 by 81 feet, 46 by 61 feet and 36 by 46 feet in area. They will have corrugated steel roofs, supported by steel roof trusses, and roof vents, steel sash, metal doors and cement floors.

Consolidated Steel Corporation is to erect the three one-story structures. In a communication signed by E. Z. Schuler, addressed to Postmaster C. Earl Conner this week, the firm of Schuler & McDonald, consolidated contractors, conveys the information to local tradesmen that sub-contractors' bids on work for the new post office will be received by them up to November 10.

Schuler & McDonald, 1723 Webster street, Oakland, expect to submit a bid to the government as general contractors for the erection of the building and all local sub-contractors who wish to have a part in the project should submit their bids immediately.

Work that is to be let on sub-contracts includes excavation, masonry, furnishing of gravel and sand, electrical work, brick and tile, cement and building materials, heating and plumbing, sheet metal work and roofing, lumber plastering and painting.

Schuler & McDonald are submitting bids for post offices at Colton and Redondo Beach, as well as for the Torrance building, and have already been awarded the contract for Redondo Beach. Torrance contractors will be able to study the plans on file in the office of the local Chamber of Commerce, and should submit their estimates as early as possible, and not later than November 10, as the bid on the part of the general contractor must be in Washington, D. C., by 1 o'clock p. m., November 12.

William Parke In General Hospital

William Parke, 1318 Amapola avenue, is a patient at the General hospital, Los Angeles, recovering from a broken leg and other injuries sustained Sunday night. Parke and W. A. Barnett, 1246 West 98th street, were mounted on Parke's motorcycle and collided with a machine occupied by E. B. Lucas and C. H. Thomas, 1450 Berkeley avenue, Santa Monica, at the intersection of Redondo, Riverside boulevard and Cypress. Barnett and Lucas sustained bruises. Thomas was not injured. The injured were brought to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital for first aid, and Parke was removed to Los Angeles for further treatment.

CHICKENS STOLEN

A flock of chickens valued at \$35 was stolen from the premises on the Standard Oil lease, occupied by Mrs. McFadden, some time Sunday night, the only clue being a set of tireprints.

Prominent New York Pair Wed In Torrance

Mr. and Mrs. Ercole H. Locatelli, prominent New York couple, are honey-mooning in Palm Springs, following their wedding which was one of the Southland's brilliant affairs. Mrs. Locatelli (Gertrude Coates) is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Young, 1823 Arlington avenue. She has a host of friends here, having spent a part of each year, with her parents. Mr. Locatelli is a famous importer with offices in the major cities of the world and a home in New York City and in Milan, Italy. He is president of the Italian Chamber of Commerce in New York City and a close friend of Mussolini.

The wedding ceremony was performed in the Catholic Church of the Nativity at 11:00 o'clock Saturday morning. The Rev. Father Basil performing the ceremony. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion in yellow and gold chrysanthemums from the altar to the door. The bride, lovely in a gown of gold cloth with brown velvet hat and accessories and wearing a corsage of orchids that blended beautifully with her gown, was given in marriage by her father, J. H. Young. Mrs. Charles Del Pino, matron of honor, wore a gown of green crepe with black hat and accessories and a corsage of gardenias. Mr. Charles Del Pino, a director of the Bank of America, served as best man. The bride's mother wore a gown of black lace with black hat and accessories and a corsage of purple orchids. Following the wedding ceremony the wedding party went to the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, where the wedding breakfast was served in the East India room. Covers were placed for Mr. and Mrs. Ercole H. Locatelli, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Young, Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Giannini, Mrs. A. H. Giannini, Jr., and Mrs. J. Hayward, Mrs. O. G. Olson, Mrs. J. Demjanow and Geraldine Malquajovich.

Mr. Locatelli recently returned from Milan, Italy, with jewelry for his bride, the value of which exceeded \$10,000. They were wedding gifts for the bride from the groom and other members of the Locatelli family. The wedding culminated a courtship of 13 years. The Locatellis will be in Torrance the latter part of the week. They will leave Sunday to visit the bride's sisters in Minnesota, and will go from there to their home, 41 Fifth avenue, New York City. They will sail for Italy in time to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. Locatelli's mother in Milan.

Other scenes were taken in the downtown section and at the old American Legion hall on Border avenue, and along Border and Carson street, of the mass meeting of the strikers and their march to the works, where Miss Fay Wray, the heroine, meets them at the entrance.

Democratic Club's Protest Is Sensation In Council Meeting

A letter of protest, signed by Emmett J. Ryan, president, and L. C. Conner, secretary of the Democratic Club, against the alleged practice of members of the city council of referring publicly to the members of the Democratic Club as "radicals" and "reds," injected an element of consternation into the council meeting Tuesday night.

"Persistent rumors have reached the Democratic headquarters," the letter read, "that members of the city council of the city of Torrance have referred to this organization as a bunch of radicals and reds, and we wish to register a protest against the continuance of this practice."

According to Secretary Conner, the Democratic Club comprises the majority of voters in this city, registered under the Democratic banner. It is, as a group, law-abiding and pledged to the upbuilding of the nation, unalterably opposed to destructive or subversive measures, and its members can in no sense be classed with the radical or red element.

The Democratic Club has applied for its charter, and expects to receive it in a few days from the state central committee, thus becoming the only duly accredited representative unit of the Democratic party here.

In response to the letter, which created somewhat of a sensation among the members of the council at the audience, Mayor Scott R. Ludlow, who was accused by Councilman W. T. Klusman as the individual who had made the protested reference, immediately made a statement denying that his remarks made recently at a meeting of the local group.

On behalf of the Democratic Club, Frank Krekow, who was present as the organization's representative, accepted Mayor Ludlow's explanation and stated that he would convey the message to headquarters.

Armistice Day to Be Observed Here This Year

Bert S. Crossland Post Plans Notable Celebration For Holiday

Permission was granted by the city council at its meeting Tuesday night to the Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, to use the city streets along a designated route for a parade on Armistice Day, November 11, and the city park as a place of entertainment during the afternoon of that day.

According to its request, the post this year is planning to arrange a big celebration of the holiday in Torrance, for the first time in several years. All organizations in the city will be invited to participate.

The afternoon entertainment will feature a patriotic program and games, closing with the colors ceremony at sunset which will be headed by a detachment of soldiers from Fort McArthur. For a number of years the post here has joined with those of other communities in celebrating the holiday, and at this time those posts will be invited to join with Torrance in putting on a notable observance of the day.

Councilman W. H. Stanger was appointed to represent the council in co-operating with the Legion in their plans for the day.

National Supply Is Location For Columbia Movie

"Mills of the Gods" Will Contain Some Torrance Local Color

National Supply Company, whose extensive property in Torrance has been used as the locale for a number of moving pictures, was the scene of action again this week, when the Columbia Productions moved in to shoot some of the sequences of its new picture, "Mills of the Gods."

A few shots were taken Saturday, but the main army moved in on the location Monday morning. The action took place in the yard east of the main plant and north of the building fronting on Carson street. A big gate, carry the overhead sign, "Hastings Blow Co. 1878," was erected and here were filmed shots of a mob scene, with hundreds of extras storming the "works." Behind the gates a little squad of uniformed police and watchmen stood with rifles and machine guns, to stave off the threatened assault.

Other scenes were taken in the downtown section and at the old American Legion hall on Border avenue, and along Border and Carson street, of the mass meeting of the strikers and their march to the works, where Miss Fay Wray, the heroine, meets them at the entrance.

Method are the principal women stars, with Victor Jory carrying the male lead. Jory and Miss Method were the only principals on the lot Monday morning, the others were to appear later.

In keeping with the date of action, old-fashioned costumes and a sedan of ancient vintage added color to the action. Extras were brought from Los Angeles in buses, and many came in their own cars, so that the street outside of the Supply Company's property was crowded with automobiles. Many men on the SERRA relief rolls both from this district and from Los Angeles, mingled with the professional extras to add numbers to the mob scenes.

"Mills of the Gods" is being supervised by Toliver North, directed by Roy Bell. It will be released for public view some time later.

Option to Purchase Water Co. System Extended to Jan.

Extension of the option to purchase the water distributing system of the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company at a stipulated price of \$137,000 was authorized by the Torrance city council Tuesday evening.

A document furnished two weeks ago by attorneys of the water company, purporting to be an extension of the option to buy was rejected on advice of City Attorney Rippey on the grounds that it might be construed as a contract to buy, and a substitute agreement, drawn by Rippey, was adopted.

In connection with the sale of bonds, a letter from C. W. McNeer Company of Chicago was read which indicated that at the present time there was little possibility of marketing the issue in the east. According to the writer, the market for California municipal bonds was never so low as it is at present. The political conditions existing in this state, after there would be no market until after election, and possibly not then.

Legion Commander and Companion Are Hurt In Accident

Charles M. Smith, of Lomita, commander of the Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, is at the Veterans hospital, Sawtelle, recovering from injuries received last Thursday night while driving in Los Angeles. Smith's arm was broken and he received a cut on the forehead and numerous bruises. His condition is not serious.

Don Kirby, who was a passenger with Smith, was cut and bruised and the ligaments of one leg were torn. He is recuperating at his home in Lomita.

The accident is said to have been due to faulty action of the brakes which caused the car to swerve against a pole. The car was badly damaged.

On the same evening, William Hagenow, 2447 Eshelman, and his son, Walter Hagenow, 1117 Mesa, San Pedro, were slightly injured in a collision on South Main street. Fred Gildner, 5411 South Figueroa, was the other driver involved. None of the three were badly hurt.

LARGE REFINERY AT VERNON MAY BE MOVED TO TORRANCE

Officials of Sunset-Pacific Oil Company Reported to Be Considering Moving to Old Julian Property On East Road

Reports were current this week that Torrance is to acquire another large industrial plant that will bring a considerable payroll into the community.

The reports, which were substantiated in part in Los Angeles, are that officials of the Sunset-Pacific Oil Company are planning to move the company's large refinery, now located at Vernon, to the old Julian property, corner Main street and East Road.

Management of the Sunset-Pacific Company now is under the direction of F. H. Rolapp, who has his offices with those of the executive offices in Los Angeles.

"We are considering moving but do not know yet where we are going," the officials were quoted as saying this week.

The Sunset-Pacific Company also has properties in the Athens oil fields, and it is believed a pipe line connection between Athens and the old Julian fields would be practical, if not already existing.

Superintendent Bouelle Speaker At Fern Avenue P.T.A. Meeting

Frank A. Bouelle, superintendent of the Los Angeles city schools, addressed an appreciative audience of 85 P. T. A. members and friends at Fern avenue school in Torrance Tuesday afternoon during the regular P. T. A. meeting. Mr. Bouelle spoke about the progress made in education. He said that all advancement is the result of education, and contrasted the present day schools with those of the three "R" days; showing a need of an appreciation for the beautiful things of life such as music, art, etc., which was not taught in the public schools in the old days.

"Children of today are being trained in citizenship in the schools, which gives them a better attitude in the home. They are learning to work with others and share with others. They are graded at school in courtesy, honesty and dependability, qualities that go toward making good citizens," stated Mr. Bouelle. "He also mentioned the modern trend in adult education, and the discovery of the psychology which proved that people go on learning after 45 years of age. Mention was made of vocational education and better films for children. He suggested no home work for children below the eighth grade, saying that it was better for them to study at school under the supervision of their teachers, where the teachers could give the needed help."

A unique feature of the afternoon was presented when Miss Suma Sugi, clerk to Mrs. Ada Vans, Fern street principal, interpreted in her native language, to the Japanese members present, Mr. Bouelle's address.

Mrs. Botkin's room, B and A2's, sang a group of Halloween songs. Dolores Scrymgeour gave a reading, "Columbus." Mrs. Caldwell's room, the B's, gave a play, "The Discovery of America," which was written by the children themselves. Doris May Martin read her paper titled, "The Community Chest."

Mrs. Stump, council president, issued a general invitation to attend the council meeting to be held Thursday morning at 15th street school.

Fern avenue P. T. A., led by Mrs. Clara Arzilli, has a membership of 85, 67 mothers and 18 fathers. Fourteen of the members are Japanese.

Mrs. Cardwell's room won the prize in the membership drive for upstairs and Mrs. Botkin's room for downstairs. Mrs. Cardwell's room and Mrs. Botkin's room also received the attendance prizes for the ensuing month.

Survey of Cedar Avenue Authorized

According to a communication from the county road department, addressed to the city council, the board of supervisors has appropriated \$750 to pay for a survey and plans for improving Cedar avenue, from the north end of the present pavement to 190th street. The work will be started immediately. This section of highway passes through the General Petroleum property.

The \$29,000 Catalina avenue project, consisting of widening and grading the thoroughfare from the northern Palms Verdes limits through the Hollywood Riviera tract to the Redondo Beach city limits, employs about 120 men, many of whom live in Torrance and nearby communities.

SERRA workers are divided into two shifts, one working Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and the other Fridays, Saturdays and Mondays. No trouble has been encountered with men on the shift beginning Tuesdays, and it was expected this morning that practically all the men on the other shift will report for work tomorrow morning.

SERA WORKERS WILL RETURN TO JOB FRIDAY

Controversy Among Men On Catalina Settle

The 85 SERRA workers, with the exception of George Dews, discharged foreman, who walked off the Catalina avenue grading project in the Hollywood Riviera tract in Torrance last Saturday, are expected to return to work tomorrow morning, when their next shift begins. It was indicated by reports at the Torrance city hall this morning. Some of the SERRA men may be transferred to other jobs, however, it was learned.

It was also indicated that E. E. Walsh, technical superintendent retained by the city, and who was the storm center of the controversy, will continue in the same capacity, despite the vigorous protests of George Dews and a group of 20 dissatisfied SERRA men who appeared at the council meeting Tuesday evening to complain against Walsh's ruling that men must not sit down on the job while waiting for empty trucks to arrive for loading.

While Mayor Ludlow and other members of the city council listened attentively to all parties of the controversy, no action, other than that the matter would be taken up with SERRA officials, was taken by the council.

In an apparent attempt to champion the cause of the dissatisfied workmen, Councilman W. T. Klusman engaged in a heated argument with Mayor Scott R. Ludlow and demanded that he be privileged to question City Engineer Leonard before the city engineer had had an opportunity to explain his position in the controversy. However, Klusman's attempt to harass Leonard was ruled out, and Klusman was obliged to await his turn in the argument until after Leonard had spoken.

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DATE OF TRIAL FIXED

Trial of Ardelle Gedreich, charged with burglary, has been fixed for November 1, in Los Angeles superior court.